


**BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Date: December 14, 2023

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 326 IN THE RUNYON CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 326 in the Runyon Canyon neighborhood in Council District (CD) 4.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the establishment of PPD No. 326, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. FIND that the parking challenges created by non-residents, who park to hike the Canyon and others trying to avoid adjacent Parking Permit Districts, are causing adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks around the Runyon Canyon neighborhood from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
3. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 326, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018 "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to include both sides of the following streets (unless specified otherwise):
 - Fareholm Drive between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue (4 segments)
 - Fareholm Court between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
 - Floral Avenue between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
 - Granito Drive between Orange Grove Avenue and 7846 Granito Drive (2 segments)
 - Binkley Drive between Granito Drive and the cul de sac
 - Nichols Canyon Road between Hollywood Boulevard and 1875 Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
 - Courtney Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
 - Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
 - Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and the cul de sac

- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Wattles Drive (4 segments)
 - Wattles Drive between the 1900 block of Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue (2 segments)
 - Curson Place between Curson Avenue (south intersection) and Curson Avenue (north intersection)
 - Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
 - North side of Hollywood Boulevard between Curson Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard (9 segments)
 - Ogden Drive between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
 - Hillside Avenue between the cul de sac west of Fairfax Avenue and Ogden Drive (4 segments)
 - Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
 - Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
 - Fairfax Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Fareholm Drive
 - Hiller Place between Hollywood Boulevard and Hemet Place
 - Hemet Place between the cul de sac east of Hiller Place and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
 - Laurel Canyon Boulevard between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive
4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 326:
- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 10 PM TO 6 AM; 4 HOUR PARKING 6 AM TO 10 PM; VEHICLE WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
5. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 326, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.
6. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segments enumerated in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
7. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 4, after establishment of this PPD, without further action by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in Section 80.58 of the LAMC. It provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the Department to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's Preferential Parking Program, which must be approved by the City Council. The establishment of a PPD is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed.

The "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" approved by the City Council on November 6, 2018 allows the LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

1. Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, comprising more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.
2. Determination by LADOT that at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces are occupied on a minimum of four blocks.
3. The Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendation of LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature that may have been installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes.

Parking is currently allowed in this area, and the establishment of this PPD involves negligible or no expansion to existing use; therefore, the establishment of this PPD falls within the Class 1 categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.1.a.3.

DISCUSSION

On January 31, 2022, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Nithya Raman requesting permit parking for neighborhoods near Runyon Canyon in CD 4. The letter indicated that parking challenges were caused by non-residents hiking Runyon Canyon and using the neighborhood to avoid the restrictions of the adjacent PPD leaving few spaces for residents. Councilmember Raman, LADOT, and the residents of the neighborhood believe the establishment of PPD No. 326 will address ongoing and increasing parking concerns in the area.

The residents provided signed petitions from the blocks listed below. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The following 12 blocks submitted petitions representing

more than 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block:

- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
- Curson Avenue between Curson Place and Wattles Drive
- Curson Avenue between Curson Terrace and Curson Place
- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Curson Terrace
- Curson Place between Curson Terrace and Curson Avenue
- Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
- Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Ogden Drive and Orange Grove Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Orange Grove Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue
- Wattles Drive bet 1900 Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted a parking study on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM, and determined that the following four blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts.”

- Fairfax Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and the cul de sac west Fairfax Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 326. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 326 IN THE RUNYON CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, amended by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and further revised by Ordinance No. 171,029, effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts (PPD) by Resolution of the City Council in each case. City Council adopted the latest revisions on November 6, 2018, Council File 15-0600-S62, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.k, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) promulgated "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," revised by Ordinance No. 177,845, effective September 30, 2006, and an amendment by Ordinance No. 180,059, adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2008, which further updated the permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the residents near the Runyon Canyon neighborhood are experiencing difficulty due to parking challenges in their surrounding area, causing adverse impacts on the adjacent residential blocks from which the residents deserve immediate relief; and

WHEREAS, LADOT made the determination that the signed petitions represent residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units comprised of more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on at least six blocks; and

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted parking studies, which indicated that five blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts"; and

WHEREAS, LADOT determined that the signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on the residential portions of the following 12 blocks, which is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of this resolution.

- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
- Curson Avenue between Curson Place and Wattles Drive
- Curson Avenue between Curson Terrace and Curson Place
- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Curson Terrace
- Curson Place between Curson Terrace and Curson Avenue
- Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
- Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Ogden Drive and Orange Grove Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Orange Grove Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue
- Wattles Drive bet 1900 Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Resolution be adopted by the City Council establishing PPD No. 326 to include the blocks within the residential area bounded to include both sides of the following streets (unless specified otherwise):

- Fareholm Drive between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue (4 segments)
- Fareholm Court between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
- Floral Avenue between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
- Granito Drive between Orange Grove Avenue and 7846 Granito Drive (2 segments)
- Nichols Canyon Road between Hollywood Boulevard and 1875 Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
- Courtney Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and the cul de sac
- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Wattles Drive (4 segments)
- Wattles Drive between the 1900 block of Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue (2 segments)
- Curson Place between Curson Avenue (south intersection) and Curson Avenue (north intersection)
- Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
- North side of Hollywood Boulevard between Curson Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard (9 segments)
- Ogden Drive between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between the cul de sac west of Fairfax Avenue and Ogden Drive (4 segments)
- Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
- Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Fairfax Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Fareholm Drive
- Hiller Place between Hollywood Boulevard and Hemet Place
- Hemet Place between the cul de sac east of Hiller Place and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
- East side of Laurel Canyon Boulevard between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any of the blocks within the district, without further action by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petition(s) as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 10 PM TO 6 AM, 4 HOUR PARKING 6 AM TO 10 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "NO PARKING 10 PM TO 6 AM, 4 HOUR PARKING 6 AM TO 10 PM; VEHICLE WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT"

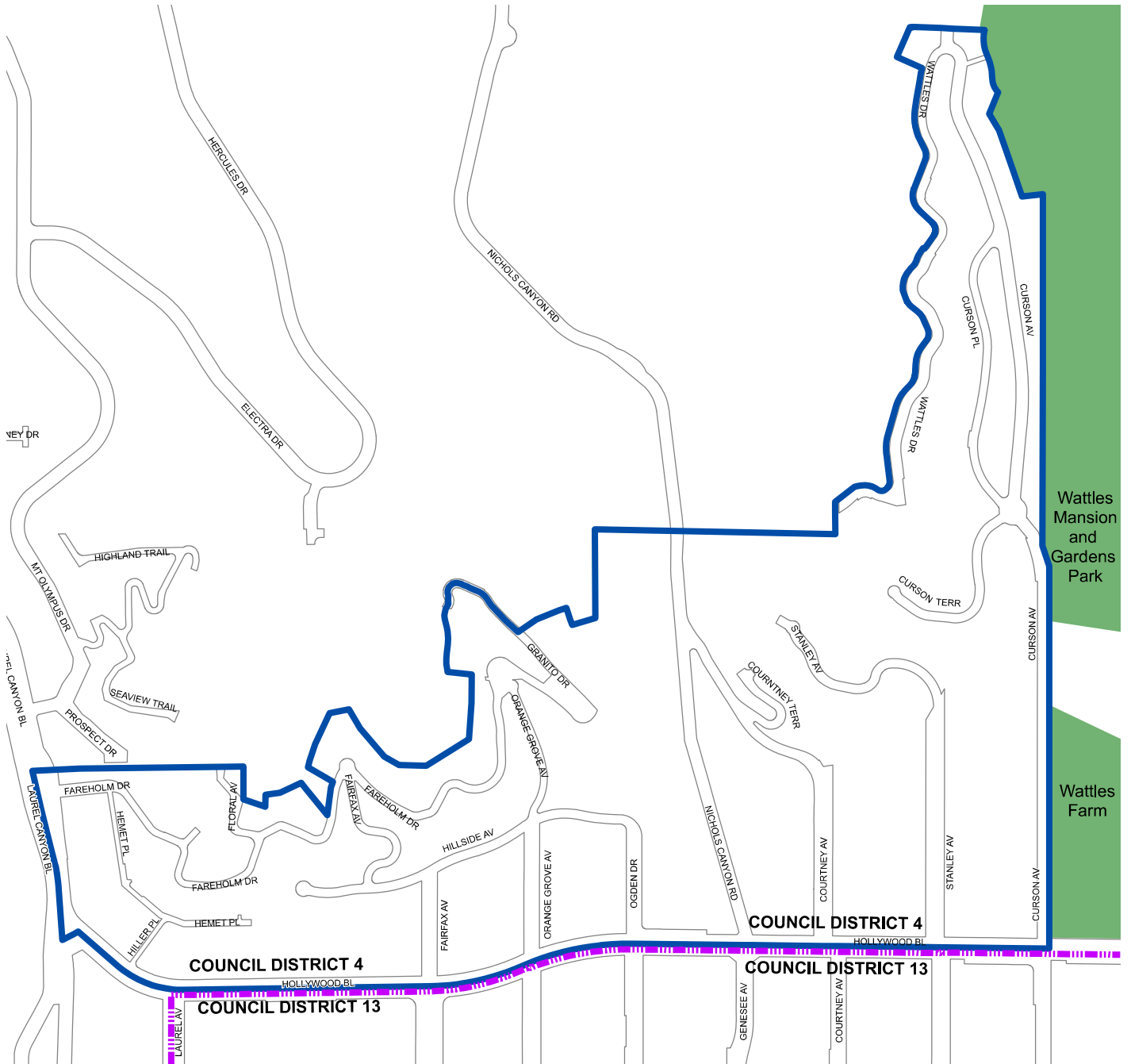
restriction on both sides of the following residential portions of the blocks for which residents provided valid signed petitions, without further action by the City Council:

- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
- Curson Avenue between Curson Place and Wattles Drive
- Curson Avenue between Curson Terrace and Curson Place
- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Curson Terrace
- Curson Place between Curson Terrace and Curson Avenue
- Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
- Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Ogden Drive and Orange Grove Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Orange Grove Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue
- Wattles Drive bet 1900 Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be directed to take appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from the residents of PPD No. 326 in accordance with LAMC and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for PPDs.



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PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 326 - PROPOSED
COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4
Hollywood Enforcement



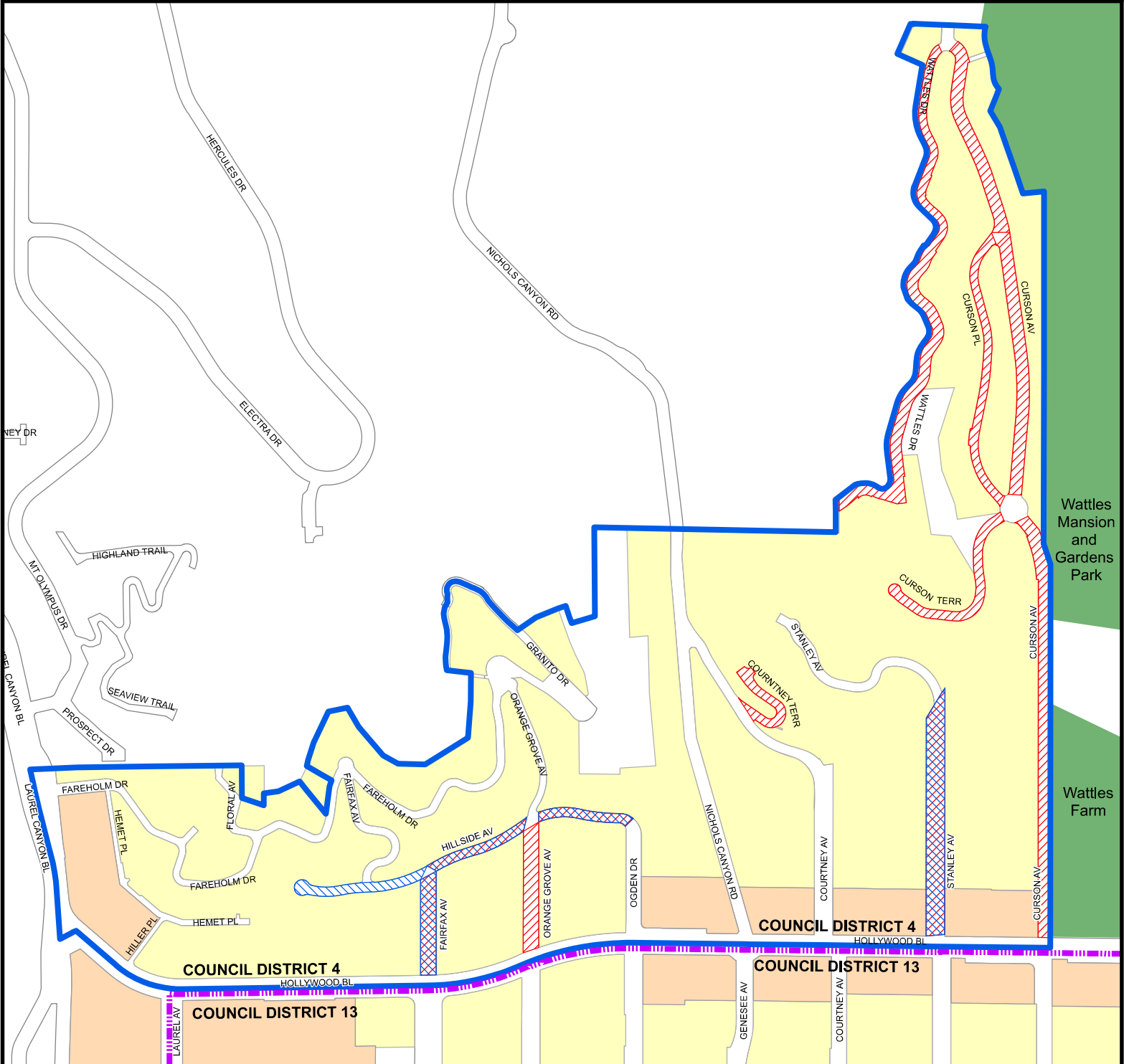
LEGEND:

-  PPD No. 326 Boundary
-  Council District Boundary
-  Open Areas













CITY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 326 - PROPOSED
 COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4
 PETITION, PARKING STUDY AND LAND USE



LEGEND:

-  PPD No. 326 Boundary
-  Council District Boundary
-  Petition that passed 75% or more.
-  Parking Occupancy Study that passed 85% or more.
-  Petition that passed 75% or more & Parking Occupancy Study that passed 85% or more.

-  Residential
-  Multiple Family
-  Open Areas





**NITHYA
RAMAN**

Los Angeles
City Councilmember
4th District

January 31, 2022

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

**Re: REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A NEW PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT
NEAR RUNYON CANYON**

My staff has been working with residents who live near Runyon Canyon to address ongoing and increasing parking concerns in the area.

My office has received a request from constituents to establish a new Preferential Parking District to include the following blocks:

- N Stanley Ave between Hollywood Blvd and 1810 N Stanley
- Hillside Ave between Fairfax Ave and Fairfax Ave
- Hillside Ave between Fairfax Ave and the dead-end West of Fairfax Ave
- N. Fairfax Ave from Hillside Ave to Hollywood Blvd
- N. Orange Grove Ave from Hillside Ave to Hollywood Bl
- Hillside Ave from N. Orange Grove to N. Ogden Dr
- Hillside Ave from N. Fairfax Ave to N. Orange Grove Ave
- Courtney Ave between Hollywood Blvd and Courtney Terrace
- Courtney Ave between Courtney Terrace and Nichols Canyon Road
- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Ave and the cul de sac
- Ogden Dr. from Hollywood Blvd to Hillside Avenue



- Curson Ave between Hollywood Blvd and Curson Terrace
- Curson Ave between Curson Terrace and Curson Place
- Curson Ave between Curson Place and Wattles Drive
- Curson Place bet Curson Terrace and Curson Ave
- Curson Terrace between Curson Ave and the cul de sac west of Curson Ave
- Wattles Drive between 1900 Wattles Drive and Curson Ave
- Eastside of Laurel Canyon between Hollywood Blvd and Fareholm Drive

I write to you today to request a new Preferential Parking District to include the blocks indicated above which are near Runyon Canyon. The neighborhood has been inundated by nonresidents who park their vehicles in the area to hike Runyon Canyon, leaving few spaces for residents. Moreover, non-residents who are visiting residents in an adjacent neighborhood with a PPD, park their vehicles in this neighborhood to avoid the restrictions of the adjacent PPD. I further ask that this area be issued petitions for the blocks indicated above with the restriction: “Four-hour parking from 6 AM to 10 PM. No Parking from 10 PM to 6 AM, vehicles with permits exempt.” This restriction is required for all blocks within two blocks of entry into Runyon Canyon and is optional for all other blocks within the PPD boundary.

If you have any questions, please contact Jorge Plascencia of my staff at (213) 573-3225. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nithya Raman
Councilmember, 4th District